

PATENT Appln. No. 09/994,860
Amendment &
Response to January 31, 2007 Restriction Requirement
Docket No. 13797/257

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 20-25, and 27-32 are pending.

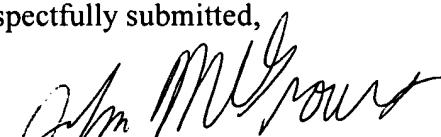
Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, and 17 have been amended for clarification. The claim amendments find support in the original claims and specification. Accordingly, there are no issues of new matter.

Applicants request that non-elected Group II claims 20-25 and 27-32 be withdrawn from consideration and note that the Restriction Requirement inadvertently includes previously canceled claim 26 in Group II.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202.220.4200 to discuss any issues regarding this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,


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